

(a) whether there is any proposal to open new halts for stoppage of Express trains on Vijayawada-Visakhapatnam route; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[Translation]

### **Funds for Bridges of Railway safety funds**

3357. SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state: the funds allocated out of Railway Safety Works Fund for construction of railway over bridge, State-wise break-up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): The funds accrued to the State Govts. for reimbursement from Railway Safety Works Fund during 1990-91 are indicated below:

(Rs in thousand)

|                  |       |
|------------------|-------|
| Andhra Pradesh   | 16,19 |
| Assam            | 5,69  |
| Bihar            | 22,00 |
| Gujarat          | 12,25 |
| Haryana          | 4,56  |
| Himachal Pradesh | 30    |
| Jammu & Kashmir  | 1,71  |
| Karnataka        | 7,43  |
| Kerala           | 6,05  |
| Madhya Pradesh   | 13,53 |
| Maharashtra      | 36,77 |
| Nagaland         | 60    |
| Orissa           | 4,01  |
| Punjab           | 8,82  |
| Rajasthan        | 12,69 |

*(Rs in thousand)*

|               |       |
|---------------|-------|
| Tamil Nadu    | 15,87 |
| Tripura       | 9     |
| Uttar Pradesh | 43,04 |
| West Bengal   | 20,03 |
| Total         | 231   |

*[English]*

### **Financial Assistance by USAID to Uttar Pradesh**

3358. SHRI RABI RAY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the USAID has offered financial assistance for decreasing the total fertility rate in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the programme is going to be launched in Uttar Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes please.

(b) USAID have offered a very sizeable package of assistance amounting to \$ 325 million (i.e. over Rs. 800 crores) for improvement of Family Welfare Programme in Uttar Pradesh over a period of 10 years. Initially, the project would be launched in 32 poor performing districts, which had a birth rate of 39 per 1000 population or more as per 1931 census.

(c) Broadly speaking, the project aims at decreasing the Total Fertility Rate in U.P. from a level of 5.4 (1982) to less than 4 and increasing Couple Protection Rate from about 35.5% (March, 1991) to 50% by 2002 AD. The project would aim at identifying the gaps in different districts between the requirement and the actual availability of services so as to prepare need-based.

### **Constitution of Committees**

3359. SHRI PRATAPRAO B. BHONSLE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some committees is being constituted at the Ministry level;

(b) if so, the names of these committees with criteria for selection of its members; and

(c) tenure of office of members of these committees with benefits attached to the members of the committees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). A statement is attached.